the Neem Oil to block fertility in experimental animals including monkeys. They have also prepared a cream containing Neem extracts for use as a spermicidal contraceptive. Clinical trials will be taken up as soon as the toxicology results of this product are received.

(c) and (d) The Government would like to support clinical trials of this product and thereafter disseminate the knowledge to the people.

Visit of officials to CGHS dispensaries

1944. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether officers of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have ever conducted visits at various CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensaries/Units in the capital to ascertain the grievances/causes of shortage of medicines etc.;

(b) if so, the details of such visits made by the officials during the past three years;

(c) whether Government are aware that the Homoeopathic Dispensary at R. K. Puram, New Delhi is without stocks of essential medicines for past several months; and

(d) if so, whether the dispensary was inspected and the action being taken to replenish the stocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of such visits are as follows:—

Year	No. of visits
1989	17
1990	16
1991	9

(c) The availability position of the essential medicines in R.K. Puram Homoeopathic dispensary has been 85 per cent. In case of non-availability of a particular brand of medicine, the available substitute is provided to the beneficiaries.

(d) The question does not arise.

Setting up of Population Commission

1945. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI R. T. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Population Commission to bring down the growth rate of population in the country;

(b) whether the branches of the Commission are likely to be set up at various State Headquarters also;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(e) the extent to which the target of population control is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (e) To impart a new thrust and dynamism to the Family Welfare Programme, a draft Action Plan has been evolved in consultation with the representatives of State Governments/Union Territories Administration. One of the suggestions being considered in the said draft Action Plan is the constitution of a Population Commission, details of which are yet to be finalised.

Oral polio vaccine

1946. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an oral polio vaccine developed by Central Research Institute is pending clearance for a long time;

(b) what are the other projects of the Institute pending clearance;

(c) reasons for delay for each of the projects;

(d) whether the oral polio vaccine is being imported at present; and

(e) if so, what steps Government are taking to expedite the clearance of the project to check its import and provide an impetus to indigenous research and production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No Oral Polio Vaccine has been indigenously developed by Central Research Institute, Kasauli. However, a project to manufacture Aral Polio Vaccine (OPV) was submitted by Central Research Institute, Kasauli in the year 1987-88 but the same was not found fesible due to lack of availability of adequate quantity of water supply.

(b) and (c) No Project of Central Research Institute, Kasauli is pending for clearance with the Directorate General of Health Services.

(d) and (e) At present the entire quantity of OPV is being imported.

M/s. Bharat Immuno Biologicals Corporation Limited (BIBCOL) under the Department of Bio-Technology has set up a plant at Bulandshahar to produce 100 million doses of OPV every year.

M/s. Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd., Bombay has already produced 18 batches of OPV indigenously which are under different phases of clinical trials. However at present M/s. Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd. and Redicura Pharma are supplying OPV to the Government of India after blending and bottling of imported bulk concentrate.

Hospitals in the Capital

1947. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he visited various Government hospitals in the capital during October this year;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Government have expressed deep concern and dissatisfaction on the working of the Hospitals;

(c) whether several machines/equipments were found not in use in Government hospitals;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what further steps Government are contemplating to imporve the functioning of Government hospitals in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Union Health Minister visited Safdarjang Hospital, Dr. Ram Monohar Lohia Hospital and All India Institute of Medical Sciences on 25-9-1991, 8-10-1991 and 10-10-1991 respectively.

(b) Union Health Minister expressed concern over-crowding patients in the hospitals and the long waiting time for admission and the residential problem of staff.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) 927 additional posts in Safdarjang Hospital and 493 posts in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital have been sanctioned to make up the deficiencies in various departments. Adequate budget has been allocated in the Plan for further construction and expansion and procurement of equipments in Safdarjang Hospital. Digital Display System in the OPD and close circuit T.V. for the education of the public regarding health programmes/Family Welfare Programme